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Re: PM 1529 - Process for Producing a Heater with
Discrete Heating Zones on Paper
and PM 1569 - Ceramic Heater (BETA)

Dear John:

In addition to the patents furnished by Dr. Deevi and listed in your letter of March 12th, there was a substantial amount of related background art in our files. Most of the patents were requested and ordered in connection with the BETA Project. I have sorted through all of this art and the results of a search on low resistance contact materials for any patents on resistor heaters, flexible or laminar-type heaters, also ceramic materials and low resistance materials for related uses.

The search printout of abstracts is also enclosed and copies of patents marked and ordered by Deevi have been included, although some do not appear to be of particular interest. Most of the foreign references were not translated, and only cover pages are enclosed. If you think any of these should be included in the prior art, I can furnish a full copy for translation.

Except for the two which are noted as related to PM 1529 (heater on paper), I have not tried to group the patents as to relevance and would prefer that you review them more closely and select the pertinent references. If you would like, I can also furnish copies to Dr. Deevi for review.

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A few patent copies were missing from our files and have been ordered. These will be forwarded as soon as received.

Sincerely,

Beverly A. Monroe

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Enclosures

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